

CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, starting on line 15, the replacement paragraph is as follows:

Because network device 102's transmission requires time to propagate to other network devices, these other network devices might be unaware that network device 102's signal is on the channel. In this situation, network another device, such as device 104 or device 106, could transmit its traffic even if network device 102 had already seized the channel after detecting that the channel was idle. This problem is called the collision window. The collision window is a factor of the propagation delay of the signal and the distance between two competing stations. Propagation delay is the delay that occurs before a network device can detect that another network device is transmitting.